

Tensor Singular Value Decomposition

Via Tensor-tensor Product

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1.1 Based on FFT

Tensor singular value decomposition is more and more popular in data science. Let's talk about this hot topic right now.

Definition 1.1 ([1], [2]). Let \mathcal{X} be an $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$ tensor and \mathcal{Y} be an $n_2 \times n_4 \times n_3$ tensor. Then the t -product, denote by $\mathcal{X} * \mathcal{Y}$, is the $n_1 \times n_4 \times n_3$ tensor given by

$$\mathcal{X} * \mathcal{Y} = \text{fold}(\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) \cdot \text{unfold}(\mathcal{Y})) \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) \doteq \begin{bmatrix} X^{(1)} & X^{(n_3)} & \dots & X^{(2)} \\ X^{(2)} & X^{(1)} & \dots & X^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X^{(n_3)} & X^{(n_3-1)} & \dots & X^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_1 n_3) \times (n_2 n_3)}, \text{ and where } X^{(i)} \text{ is the } i\text{-th frontal slice of } \mathcal{X}, \text{ i.e. holding the 3-rd index fixed and varying first two,}$$

$$\text{unfold}(\mathcal{Y}) \doteq \begin{bmatrix} Y^{(1)} \\ Y^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ Y^{(n_3)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_2 n_3) \times n_4},$$

and the inverse operator fold takes $\text{unfold}(\mathcal{X})$ into a tensor: $\text{fold}(\text{unfold}(\mathcal{Y})) = \mathcal{Y}$.

Remark 1.1 (Quick Look).

$$f \left(\underbrace{n_1 \times n_2}_{\text{part 1}} \times \underbrace{n_3}_{\text{part 2}}, \underbrace{n_2 \times n_4}_{\text{part 1}} \times \underbrace{n_3}_{\text{part 2}} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_1 \times n_4) \times n_3}. \quad (1.2)$$

where f is the t -product.

If $v = [v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3]^T$, then

$$\text{circ}(v) = \begin{bmatrix} v_0 & v_3 & v_2 & v_1 \\ v_1 & v_0 & v_3 & v_2 \\ v_2 & v_1 & v_0 & v_3 \\ v_3 & v_2 & v_1 & v_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.3)$$

Remark 1.2. $v \rightarrow \text{fft}(v), \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$, so $\text{fft}(\cdot) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Proposition 1.1. *Circulant matrices can be diagonalized with the normalized discrete Fourier transform (DFT) matrix (Thm 4.8.2 in the book [3]).*

That is to say

$$F_n \text{circ}(v) F_n^* = \text{Diag}(\bar{v}) \quad (1.4)$$

where F_n is the $n \times n$ DFT matrix, and $\bar{v} = \text{fft}(v)$.

Proof. See [Appendix](#). □

Proposition 1.2. *Suppose \mathcal{X} is $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$ and F_{n_3} is the $n_3 \times n_3$ DFT matrix. Then*

$$(F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2}) = \text{BlockDiag}(\bar{\mathcal{X}}) \quad (1.5)$$

where \otimes denotes the Kronecker product, $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$ as the result of DFT on \mathcal{X} along the 3-rd dimension, and

$$\text{BlockDiag}(\bar{\mathcal{X}}) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathcal{X}}^{(1)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\mathcal{X}}^{(2)} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \bar{\mathcal{X}}^{(n_3)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 n_3 \times n_2 n_3} \quad (1.6)$$

where $\bar{\mathcal{X}}^{(i)}$ is i -th frontal slice of $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$.

Remark 1.3.

$$F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (F_{n_3})_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (F_{n_3}^*)_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (F_{n_3})_{11} \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}} & \cdots & \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (F_{n_3})_{1n_3} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (F_{n_3})_{1n_3} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (F_{n_3})_{1n_3} \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (F_{n_3})_{n_31} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (F_{n_3})_{n_31} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (F_{n_3})_{n_31} \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_3 n_1 \times n_3 n_1}} & \cdots & \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (F_{n_3})_{n_3 n_3} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (F_{n_3})_{n_3 n_3} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (F_{n_3})_{n_3 n_3} \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_3 n_1 \times n_3 n_1}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.7)$$

Example 1.1. [bibid] Suppose $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times 3}$ and $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_4 \times 3}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} &= \text{fold}(\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{A})\text{unfold}(\mathcal{B})) \\ &= \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A^1 & A^3 & A^2 \\ A^2 & A^1 & A^3 \\ A^3 & A^2 & A^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B^1 \\ B^2 \\ B^3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

By Proposition 1.2

$$(F_3 \otimes I_{n_1}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{A}) (F_3^* \otimes I_{n_2}) = \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{A})^1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\overline{A})^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (\overline{A})^3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.12)$$

where F_3 is a 3×3 normalized Fourier transform matrix, $(\overline{A})^i$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) is the i -th frontal slice of \overline{A} .

Nextly,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{A})\text{unfold}(\mathcal{B}) \\ &= (F_3^* \otimes I_{n_1}) (F_3 \otimes I_{n_1}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{A}) (F_3^* \otimes I_{n_2}) (F_3 \otimes I_{n_2}) \text{unfold}(\mathcal{B}) \\ &= (F_3^* \otimes I_{n_1}) \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{A})^1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\overline{A})^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (\overline{A})^3 \end{bmatrix} (F_3 \otimes I_{n_2}) \begin{bmatrix} B^1 \\ B^2 \\ B^3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (F_3^* \otimes I_{n_1}) \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{A})^1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\overline{A})^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (\overline{A})^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{B})^1 \\ (\overline{B})^2 \\ (\overline{B})^3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (F_3^* \otimes I_{n_1}) \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{A})^1 (\overline{B})^1 \\ (\overline{A})^2 (\overline{B})^2 \\ (\overline{A})^3 (\overline{B})^3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} F_3^* (\overline{A})^1 (\overline{B})^1 \\ F_3^* (\overline{A})^2 (\overline{B})^2 \\ F_3^* (\overline{A})^3 (\overline{B})^3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

Proof.

By Def 1.1

$$\text{unfold}(\mathcal{X}) = \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{A}) \cdot \text{unfold}(\mathcal{B}) \quad (1.14)$$

by Rmk 1.2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{unfold}(\mathcal{X}) &= \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{A}) \cdot \text{unfold}(\mathcal{B}) \\ &= (F_{n_3}^{-1} \otimes I_{n_1}) (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{A}) (F_{n_3}^{-1} \otimes I_{n_2}) ((F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_2}) \text{unfold}(\mathcal{B})) \\ &= (F_{n_3}^{-1} \otimes I_{n_1}) \cdot \overline{A} \cdot \text{unfold}(\overline{\mathcal{B}}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.15)$$

Eq 1.15 multiplying both sides with $(F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) \Rightarrow \text{unfold}(\overline{\mathcal{X}}) = \overline{A} \cdot \text{unfold}(\overline{\mathcal{B}}) \Rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{X}} = \overline{A} \overline{\mathcal{B}}$. \square

Algorithm 1 Tensor-Tensor Product [4]

Input: $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$, $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_4 \times n_3}$.

1. Compute $\overline{\mathcal{A}} = \text{fft}(\mathcal{A}, [], 3)$ and $\overline{\mathcal{B}} = \text{fft}(\mathcal{B}, [], 3)$
2. Compute each frontal slice $\overline{\mathcal{X}}$ by

$$\overline{X}^{(i)} = \begin{cases} \overline{A}^{(i)} \overline{B}^i, & i = 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n_3+1}{2} \rfloor, \\ \text{conj}(\overline{X}^{(n_3-i+2)}), & i = \lfloor \frac{n_3+1}{2} \rfloor + 1, \dots, n_3. \end{cases}$$

3. Compute $\mathcal{X} = \text{ifft}(\overline{\mathcal{X}}, [], 3)$.

Output: $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_4 \times n_3}$.

Remark 1.5. *Proposition 1.3* suggests an efficient way based on FFT to computer t -product instead of using the definition of tensor-tensor product as Algorithm 1.

Definition 1.2 (Conjugate Transpose). *The conjugate transpose of a tensor $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ is the tensor $\mathcal{X}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_1 \times n_3}$ obtain by conjugate transposing each of the frontal slices and reversing the order of transposed frontal slice 2 through n_3 , i.e.*

$$(X^T)^i = \begin{cases} (X^T)^1 = (X^1)^T, & i = 1 \\ (X^T)^i = (X^{n_3-i+2})^T, & i = 2, 3, \dots, n_3 \end{cases} \quad (1.16)$$

where $(X^T)^i$ is the i -th frontal slice of \mathcal{X}^T .

Remark 1.6. *If $\mathcal{X} = [X^1, X^2, X^3, \dots, X^{n_3-2}, X^{n_3-1}, X^{n_3}]$ is ordered by frontal slices, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X} &= [X^1, X^2, X^3, \dots, X^{n_3-2}, X^{n_3-1}, X^{n_3}] \\ \mathcal{X}^T &= [(X^1)^T, (X^{n_3})^T, (X^{n_3-1})^T, \dots, (X^3)^T, (X^2)^T, (X^1)^T] \end{aligned} \quad (1.17)$$

$$\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}^T) = \begin{bmatrix} (X^1)^T & (X^2)^T & \dots & (X^{n_3-1})^T & (X^{n_3})^T \\ (X^{n_3})^T & (X^1)^T & \dots & (X^{n_3-2})^T & (X^{n_3-1})^T \\ (X^{n_3-1})^T & (X^{n_3})^T & \dots & (X^{n_3-3})^T & (X^{n_3-2})^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (X^2)^T & (X^3)^T & \dots & (X^{n_3})^T & (X^1)^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.18)$$

$$\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} X^1 & X^{n_3} & \dots & X^3 & X^2 \\ X^2 & X^1 & \dots & X^4 & X^3 \\ X^3 & X^2 & \dots & X^5 & X^4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ X^{n_3} & X^{n_3-2} & \dots & X^2 & X^1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.19)$$

then

$$\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}^T) = (\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}))^T \quad (1.20)$$

We can proof Eq 1.20 directly, but we give an example as below,

$$\mathcal{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \underbrace{1 \ 2 \ 3}_{X^1} \ \underbrace{10 \ 11 \ 12}_{X^2} \ \underbrace{19 \ 20 \ 21}_{X^3} \\ \underbrace{4 \ 5 \ 6}_{X^1} \ \underbrace{13 \ 14 \ 15}_{X^2} \ \underbrace{22 \ 23 \ 24}_{X^3} \\ \underbrace{7 \ 8 \ 9}_{X^1} \ \underbrace{16 \ 17 \ 18}_{X^2} \ \underbrace{25 \ 26 \ 27}_{X^3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.21)$$

then

$$\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{1 \ 2 \ 3}_{X^1} & & & \underbrace{19 \ 20 \ 21}_{X^3} & & & \underbrace{10 \ 11 \ 12}_{X^2} \\ \underbrace{4 \ 5 \ 6}_{X^1} & & & \underbrace{22 \ 23 \ 24}_{X^3} & & & \underbrace{13 \ 14 \ 15}_{X^2} \\ \underbrace{7 \ 8 \ 9}_{X^1} & & & \underbrace{25 \ 26 \ 27}_{X^3} & & & \underbrace{16 \ 17 \ 18}_{X^2} \\ \hline \underbrace{10 \ 11 \ 12}_{X^2} & & & \underbrace{1 \ 2 \ 3}_{X^1} & & & \underbrace{19 \ 20 \ 21}_{X^3} \\ \underbrace{13 \ 14 \ 15}_{X^2} & & & \underbrace{4 \ 5 \ 6}_{X^1} & & & \underbrace{22 \ 23 \ 24}_{X^3} \\ \underbrace{16 \ 17 \ 18}_{X^2} & & & \underbrace{7 \ 8 \ 9}_{X^1} & & & \underbrace{25 \ 26 \ 27}_{X^3} \\ \hline \underbrace{19 \ 20 \ 21}_{X^3} & & & \underbrace{10 \ 11 \ 12}_{X^2} & & & \underbrace{1 \ 2 \ 3}_{X^1} \\ \underbrace{22 \ 23 \ 24}_{X^3} & & & \underbrace{13 \ 14 \ 15}_{X^2} & & & \underbrace{4 \ 5 \ 6}_{X^1} \\ \underbrace{25 \ 26 \ 27}_{X^3} & & & \underbrace{16 \ 17 \ 18}_{X^2} & & & \underbrace{7 \ 8 \ 9}_{X^1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.22)$$

$$\mathcal{X}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \underbrace{1 \ 2 \ 3}_{X^1=(X^T)^1} \ \underbrace{19 \ 20 \ 21}_{X^3=(X^T)^2} \ \underbrace{10 \ 11 \ 12}_{X^2=(X^T)^3} \\ \underbrace{4 \ 5 \ 6}_{X^1=(X^T)^1} \ \underbrace{22 \ 23 \ 24}_{X^3=(X^T)^2} \ \underbrace{13 \ 14 \ 15}_{X^2=(X^T)^3} \\ \underbrace{7 \ 8 \ 9}_{X^1=(X^T)^1} \ \underbrace{25 \ 26 \ 27}_{X^3=(X^T)^2} \ \underbrace{16 \ 17 \ 18}_{X^2=(X^T)^3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.23)$$

then

$$\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}^T) = \begin{pmatrix} \underbrace{1 \ 4 \ 7}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} & \underbrace{10 \ 13 \ 16}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} & \underbrace{19 \ 22 \ 25}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} \\ \underbrace{2 \ 5 \ 8}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} & \underbrace{11 \ 14 \ 17}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} & \underbrace{20 \ 23 \ 26}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} \\ \underbrace{3 \ 6 \ 9}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} & \underbrace{12 \ 15 \ 18}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} & \underbrace{21 \ 24 \ 27}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} \\ \hline \underbrace{19 \ 22 \ 25}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} & \underbrace{1 \ 4 \ 7}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} & \underbrace{10 \ 13 \ 16}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} \\ \underbrace{20 \ 23 \ 26}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} & \underbrace{2 \ 5 \ 8}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} & \underbrace{11 \ 14 \ 17}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} \\ \underbrace{21 \ 24 \ 27}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} & \underbrace{3 \ 6 \ 9}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} & \underbrace{12 \ 15 \ 18}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} \\ \hline \underbrace{10 \ 13 \ 16}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} & \underbrace{19 \ 22 \ 25}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} & \underbrace{1 \ 4 \ 7}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} \\ \underbrace{11 \ 14 \ 17}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} & \underbrace{20 \ 23 \ 26}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} & \underbrace{2 \ 5 \ 8}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} \\ \underbrace{12 \ 15 \ 18}_{(X^2)^T=(X^T)^3} & \underbrace{21 \ 24 \ 27}_{(X^3)^T=(X^T)^2} & \underbrace{3 \ 6 \ 9}_{(X^1)^T=(X^T)^1} \end{pmatrix} = (\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}))^T \quad (1.24)$$

Definition 1.3 (Identity Tensor). A $n \times n \times m$ identity tensor \mathcal{I} is the tensor whose first frontal

slice is the $n \times n$ identity matrix, and whose other frontal slices are all zeros, i.e.

$$I^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \quad I^i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, 2 \leq i \leq m \quad (1.25)$$

Remark 1.7.

$$\mathcal{X} * \mathcal{I} = \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} X^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} & X^{n_3} & \cdots & X^2 \\ X^2 & X^1 & \cdots & X^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X^{n_3} & X^{n_3-1} & \cdots & X^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} \\ 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} X^1 \\ X^2 \\ \vdots \\ X^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathcal{X} \quad (1.26)$$

and

$$\mathcal{I} * \mathcal{X} = \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} & I & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} & 0 & \cdots & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} \\ X^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} \\ \vdots \\ X^{n_3} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} X^1 \\ X^2 \\ \vdots \\ X^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathcal{X} \quad (1.27)$$

Definition 1.4 (Orthogonal Tensor). A $n \times n \times m$ real-valued tensor \mathcal{Q} is orthogonal if

$$\mathcal{Q}^T * \mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q} * \mathcal{Q}^T = \mathcal{I}. \quad (1.28)$$

Definition 1.5 (f-diagonal). A tensor is f-diagonal if each frontal slice is diagonal. i.e expect $\mathcal{X}_{1,1,i}, \mathcal{X}_{2,2,i}, \dots, \mathcal{X}_{l,l,i}$ are all 0's, where $l = \min\{n_1, n_2\}, 1 \leq i \leq n_3$

Definition 1.6 (Inverse of Tensor). A $n \times n \times m$ tensor \mathcal{A} has an inverse \mathcal{B} if

$$\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{I} \quad \& \quad \mathcal{B} * \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{I} \quad (1.29)$$

where $\mathcal{I} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n \times m}$.

Proposition 1.4.

$$\mathcal{A} * (\mathcal{B} * \mathcal{C}) = (\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B}) * \mathcal{C} \quad (1.30)$$

where $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$, $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_4 \times n_3}$ and $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_4 \times n_5 \times n_3}$

Proof. Firstly,

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{A} * (\mathcal{B} * \mathcal{C})}_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_5 \times n_3}}, \quad \underbrace{(\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B}) * \mathcal{C}}_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_5 \times n_3}} \quad (1.31)$$

so it's make sense.

Then

$$\mathcal{A} * (\mathcal{B} * \mathcal{C})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \mathcal{A} * \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} B^1 & B^{n_3} & \dots & B^2 \\ B^2 & B^1 & \dots & B^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B^{n_3} & B^{n_3-1} & \dots & B^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^1 \\ C^2 \\ \vdots \\ C^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A^1 & A^{n_3} & \dots & A^2 \\ A^2 & A^1 & \dots & A^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n_3} & A^{n_3-1} & \dots & A^1 \end{bmatrix} \text{unfold} \left(\text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} B^1 & B^{n_3} & \dots & B^2 \\ B^2 & B^1 & \dots & B^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B^{n_3} & B^{n_3-1} & \dots & B^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^1 \\ C^2 \\ \vdots \\ C^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) \right) \\
&= \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A^1 & A^{n_3} & \dots & A^2 \\ A^2 & A^1 & \dots & A^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n_3} & A^{n_3-1} & \dots & A^1 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} B^1 & B^{n_3} & \dots & B^2 \\ B^2 & B^1 & \dots & B^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B^{n_3} & B^{n_3-1} & \dots & B^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^1 \\ C^2 \\ \vdots \\ C^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) \\
&= \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A^1 & A^{n_3} & \dots & A^2 \\ A^2 & A^1 & \dots & A^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n_3} & A^{n_3-1} & \dots & A^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B^1 & B^{n_3} & \dots & B^2 \\ B^2 & B^1 & \dots & B^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B^{n_3} & B^{n_3-1} & \dots & B^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^1 \\ C^2 \\ \vdots \\ C^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.32}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B}) * \mathcal{C} \\
&= \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A^1 & A^{n_3} & \dots & A^2 \\ A^2 & A^1 & \dots & A^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n_3} & A^{n_3-1} & \dots & A^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B^1 \\ B^2 \\ \vdots \\ B^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) * \mathcal{C} \\
&= \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A^1 B^1 + A^{n_3} B^2 + \dots + A^2 B^{n_3} & A^{n_3} B^1 + A^{n_3-1} B^2 + \dots + A^1 B^{n_3} & \dots & A^2 B^1 + A^1 B^2 + \dots + A^3 B^{n_3} \\ A^2 B^1 + A^1 B^2 + \dots + A^3 B^{n_3} & A^1 B^1 + A^{n_3} B^2 + \dots + A^2 B^{n_3} & \dots & A^3 B^1 + A^2 B^2 + \dots + A^4 B^{n_3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n_3} B^1 + A^{n_3-1} B^2 + \dots + A^1 B^{n_3} & A^{n_3-1} B^1 + A^{n_3-2} B^2 + \dots + A^{n_3} B^{n_3} & \dots & A^1 B^1 + A^{n_3} B^2 + \dots + A^2 B^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^1 \\ C^2 \\ \vdots \\ C^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A^1 B^1 + A^{n_3} B^2 + \dots + A^2 B^{n_3} & A^1 B^{n_3} + A^{n_3} B^1 + \dots + A^2 B^{n_3-1} & \dots & A^1 B^2 + A^2 B^2 + \dots + A^3 B^1 \\ A^2 B^1 + A^1 B^2 + \dots + A^3 B^{n_3} & A^2 B^{n_3} + A^1 B^1 + \dots + A^3 B^{n_3-1} & \dots & A^2 B^2 + A^1 B^3 + \dots + A^3 B^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n_3} B^1 + A^{n_3-1} B^2 + \dots + A^1 B^{n_3} & A^{n_3} B^{n_3} + A^{n_3-1} B^1 + \dots + A^1 B^{n_3-1} & \dots & A^{n_3} B^2 + A^{n_3-1} B^3 + \dots + A^1 B^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^1 \\ C^2 \\ \vdots \\ C^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A^1 & A^{n_3} & \dots & A^2 \\ A^2 & A^1 & \dots & A^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{n_3} & A^{n_3-1} & \dots & A^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B^1 & B^{n_3} & \dots & B^2 \\ B^2 & B^1 & \dots & B^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B^{n_3} & B^{n_3-1} & \dots & B^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^1 \\ C^2 \\ \vdots \\ C^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.33}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{A} * (\mathcal{B} * \mathcal{C}) = (\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B}) * \mathcal{C} \tag{1.34}$$

Algorithm 2 Tensor SVD

Input: $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$.

$$\mathcal{D} = \text{fft}(\mathcal{A}, [], 3)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n_3$

$$[U, S, V] = \text{SVD}(\mathcal{D}(:, :, i));$$

$$\mathcal{U}(:, :, i) = U, \mathcal{V}(:, :, i) = V, \mathcal{S}(:, :, i) = S.$$

Output: $\mathcal{U} = \text{ifft}(\mathcal{U}, [], 3), \mathcal{V} = \text{ifft}(\mathcal{V}, [], 3), \mathcal{S} = \text{ifft}(\mathcal{S}, [], 3)$

□

Proposition 1.5.

$$(\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B})^T = \mathcal{B}^T * \mathcal{A}^T \quad (1.35)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}^T * \mathcal{A}^T &= \text{fold} \left(\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{B}^T) \begin{bmatrix} (A^T)^1 \\ (A^T)^{n_3} \\ \vdots \\ (A^T)^3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \text{fold} \left(\begin{pmatrix} (B^T)^1 & (B^T)^2 & \dots & (B^T)^{n_3} \\ (B^T)^{n_3} & (B^T)^1 & \dots & (B^T)^{n_3-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (B^T)^2 & (B^T)^3 & \dots & (B^T)^1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (A^T)^1 \\ (A^T)^{n_3} \\ \vdots \\ (A^T)^3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (1.36)$$

$$\text{content...} \quad (1.37)$$

□

Proposition 1.6. \mathcal{Q} is an orthogonal tensor, then

$$\|\mathcal{Q} * \mathcal{A}\|_F = \|\mathcal{A}\|_F \quad (1.38)$$

Theorem 1.1 (Tensor SVD). For any $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$, the t -SVD of \mathcal{X} is given by

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^T \quad (1.39)$$

where $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1 \times n_3}$ and $\mathcal{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ are orthogonal, $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ is f -diagonal.

Proof. By proposition 1.2, $BlockCirc(\mathcal{X})$ can be diagonalized as

$$(F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) BlockCirc(\mathcal{X}) (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2}) = BlockDiag(\overline{\mathcal{X}}) = \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{\mathcal{X}})^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (\overline{\mathcal{X}})^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (\overline{\mathcal{X}})^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.40)$$

Compute the SVD of each $(\overline{\mathcal{X}})^i$ as $(\overline{\mathcal{X}})^i = U^i S^i (V^T)^i$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{\mathcal{X}})^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (\overline{\mathcal{X}})^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (\overline{\mathcal{X}})^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} U^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & U^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & U^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & S^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & S^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (V^T)^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (V^T)^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (V^T)^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1.41)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_1}) \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{U^1}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}} & \underbrace{0}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & U^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & U^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\tilde{U}^1}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}} & \tilde{U}^{n_3} & \cdots & \tilde{U}^2 \\ \tilde{U}^2 & \tilde{U}^1 & \cdots & \tilde{U}^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{U}^{n_3} & \tilde{U}^{(n_3-1)} & \cdots & \tilde{U}^1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= BlockCirc(\mathcal{U}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.42)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2}) \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{S^1}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}} & \underbrace{0}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & S^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & S^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_2}) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\tilde{S}^1}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}} & \tilde{S}^{n_3} & \cdots & \tilde{S}^2 \\ \tilde{S}^2 & \tilde{S}^1 & \cdots & \tilde{S}^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{S}^{n_3} & \tilde{S}^{(n_3-1)} & \cdots & \tilde{S}^1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= BlockCirc(\mathcal{S}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.43)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2}) \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{(V^T)^1}_{\in R^{n_2 \times n_2}} & \underbrace{0}_{\in R^{n_2 \times n_2}} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (V^T)^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (V^T)^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_2}) \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} (\widetilde{V}^T)^1 & (\widetilde{V}^T)^{n_3} & \cdots & (\widetilde{V}^T)^2 \\ \underbrace{(\widetilde{V}^T)^2}_{\in R^{n_2 \times n_2}} & (\widetilde{V}^T)^1 & \cdots & (\widetilde{V}^T)^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (\widetilde{V}^T)^{n_3} & (\widetilde{V}^T)^{(n_3-1)} & \cdots & (\widetilde{V}^T)^1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{V}^T)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.44}$$

are block circulant matrices.

Then we define that

$$\text{unfold}(\mathcal{U}) = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{U}^1 \\ \widetilde{U}^2 \\ \vdots \\ \widetilde{U}^{n_3} \end{bmatrix}, \text{unfold}(\mathcal{S}) = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{S}^1 \\ \widetilde{S}^2 \\ \vdots \\ \widetilde{S}^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \text{unfold}(\mathcal{V}) = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{V}^1 \\ \widetilde{V}^2 \\ \vdots \\ \widetilde{V}^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.45}$$

then

$$\text{unfold}(\mathcal{V}^T) = \begin{bmatrix} (\widetilde{V}^1)^T \\ (\widetilde{V}^{n_3})^T \\ \vdots \\ (\widetilde{V}^2)^T \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.46}$$

Now, we check that

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^T \tag{1.47}$$

and

$$\mathcal{U} * \mathcal{U}^T = \mathcal{I}_{n_1 \times n_1 \times n_3}, \quad \mathcal{V} * \mathcal{V}^T = \mathcal{I}_{n_2 \times n_2 \times n_3} \tag{1.48}$$

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) \\
&= (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_1}) \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{X})^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (\overline{X})^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (\overline{X})^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_2}) \\
&= (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_1}) \begin{bmatrix} U^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & U^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & U^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_1}) \\
&\quad \begin{bmatrix} S^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & S^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & S^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_2}) (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2}) \begin{bmatrix} (V^1)^T & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (V^2)^T & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (V^{n_3})^T \end{bmatrix} (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_2}) \\
&= \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{U}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{S}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{V}^T)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.49}$$

By Eq 1.32 or Eq 1.33, we have that

$$\mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^T = \text{fold}(\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{U}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{S}) \text{unfold}(\mathcal{V}^T)) \tag{1.50}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^T) \\
&= \text{BlockCirc}(\text{fold}(\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{U}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{S}) \text{unfold}(\mathcal{V}^T))) \\
&= \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{U}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{S}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{V}^T) \text{ (by Remark 1.8)} \\
&= \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X})
\end{aligned} \tag{1.51}$$

By Eq 1.51

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^T \tag{1.52}$$

2.

$$\mathcal{U} * \mathcal{U}^T = \text{fold} \left(\begin{bmatrix} U^1 & U^{n_3} & \cdots & U^2 \\ U^2 & U^1 & \cdots & U^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ U^{n_3} & U^{n_3} & \cdots & U^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (U^1)^T \\ (U^{n_3})^T \\ \vdots \\ (U^2)^T \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{fold} \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1 \times n_1} \\ \underbrace{0}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.53}$$

where $U^i = \tilde{U}^i$ in Eq 1.53.

□

Remark 1.8.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{A^1}_{\mathbb{R}^{k \times l}} & A^m & \cdots & A^2 \\ A^2 & A^1 & \cdots & A^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^m & A^{m-1} & \cdots & A^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{B^1}_{\mathbb{R}^{l \times n}} & B^m & \cdots & B^2 \\ B^2 & B^1 & \cdots & B^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B^m & B^{m-1} & \cdots & B^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C^1 & C^m & \cdots & C^2 \\ C^2 & C^1 & \cdots & C^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C^m & C^{m-1} & \cdots & C^1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.54)$$

$$\text{BlockCirc}(\text{fold}(\text{BlockCirc}\mathcal{C})\text{unfold}(\mathcal{D})) = \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{C})\text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{D}) \quad (1.55)$$

Definition 1.7 (Multi Rank). *The multi-rank of $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ is a vector \mathbb{R}^{n_3} with the i -th entry equal to the rank of the frontal slice of $\overline{\mathcal{X}}$ obtained by taking the Fourier transform along the 3rd dimension of \mathcal{X} .*

Definition 1.8 (Tubal Rank). *The tubal rank of \mathcal{X} , denoted by $\text{rank}_t(\mathcal{X})$, is defined as the number of nonzero singular tubes of \mathcal{S} , i.e.,*

$$\text{rank}_t(\mathcal{X}) = \# \{i : \mathcal{S}(i, i, :) \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_3 \times 1}\} = \max \{r_1, \dots, r_{n_3}\} \quad (1.56)$$

where $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^T$ and $(\overline{\mathcal{X}})^i = U^i \Sigma^i (V^i)^T$, $r_i = \text{Rank}(\Sigma^i)$

Definition 1.9 (Tensor Nuclear Norm). *The tensor nuclear norm of a tensor $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ is defined as*

$$\|\mathcal{X}\|_{TNN} = \frac{1}{n_3} \|\overline{\mathcal{X}}\|_* \quad (1.57)$$

where

$$\overline{\mathcal{X}} = \text{BlockDiag}(\overline{\mathcal{X}}) = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\mathcal{X}}^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{\mathcal{X}}^{(3)} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \overline{\mathcal{X}}^{(n_3)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.58)$$

Definition 1.10 (Tensor Spectral Norm). $\|\mathcal{X}\| \triangleq \|\overline{\mathcal{X}}\|$

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Appendix

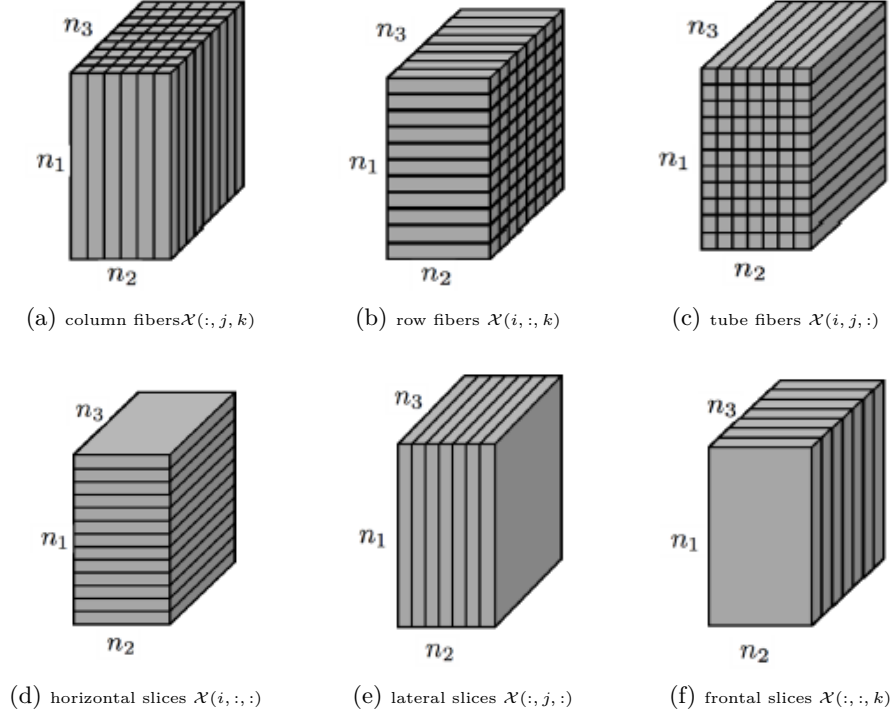


Figure 1: Fibers and slices of $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$

1.4 Proposition 1.1

A simple circulant matrix [3]:

$$C(z) = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 & z_4 & z_3 & z_2 & z_1 \\ z_1 & z_0 & z_4 & z_3 & z_2 \\ z_2 & z_1 & z_0 & z_4 & z_3 \\ z_3 & z_2 & z_1 & z_0 & z_4 \\ z_4 & z_3 & z_2 & z_1 & z_0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } z = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^5. \quad (1.1)$$

Any circulant $C(z) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is a linear combination of $I_n, \mathcal{D}_n^1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_n^{n-2}, \mathcal{D}_n^{n-1}$, where \mathcal{D}_n is the downshift permutation. For example, if $n = 5$, then

$$I_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.2)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_5^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{D}_5^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{D}_5^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \mathcal{D}_5^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.3)$$

Thus, the 5-by-5 circulant matrix displayed above is given by

$$C(z) = z_0 I_5 + z_1 \mathcal{D}_5^1 + z_2 \mathcal{D}_5^2 + z_3 \mathcal{D}_5^3 + z_4 \mathcal{D}_5^4 \quad (1.4)$$

Note that $\mathcal{D}_5^5 = I_5$.

More generally,

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k \mathcal{D}_n^k \quad (1.5)$$

where $\mathcal{D}_n^0 = I_n$, and $\mathcal{D}_n^k = (\mathcal{D}_n^1)^k$.

Note that if $V^{-1} \mathcal{D}_n^1 V = \Lambda$ is diagonal, then $\mathcal{D}_n^1 = V \Lambda V^{-1}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} V^{-1} C(z) V &= V^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k \mathcal{D}_n^k \right) V = V^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k (\mathcal{D}_n^1)^k \right) V \\ &= V^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k (V \Lambda V^{-1})^k \right) V = V^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k (V \Lambda^k V^{-1}) \right) V \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k (V^{-1} V \Lambda^k V^{-1} V) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k (\Lambda^k) \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

Eq 1.6 shows that $V^{-1} C(z) V$ is diagonal.

It turns out that the DFT matrix diagonalizes the downshift permutation.

Theorem 1.2. *If $V = F_n$ then $V^{-1} \mathcal{D}_n V = \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$, where*

$$\lambda_{j+1} = \bar{\omega}_n^j = \cos\left(\frac{2j\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2j\pi}{n}\right) = e^{\frac{2j\pi}{n}}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq n-1 \quad (1.7)$$

Proof.

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{D}_n F_n(:, j+1)}_{\mathcal{D}_n \alpha} = \mathcal{D}_n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \omega_n^j \\ \omega_n^{2j} \\ \vdots \\ \omega_n^{(n-1)j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_n^{(n-1)j} \\ 1 \\ \omega_n^j \\ \vdots \\ \omega_n^{(n-2)j} \end{bmatrix} = \overline{\omega_n^j} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \omega_n^j \\ \omega_n^{2j} \\ \vdots \\ \omega_n^{(n-1)j} \end{bmatrix}}_{\lambda_\alpha}, \quad j = 0, \dots, n-1. \quad (1.8)$$

□

Theorem 1.3. Suppose $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $C(z)$ are defined by Eq 1.6, If $V = F_n$ and $\lambda = \overline{F_n} z$, then

$$V^{-1} C(z) V = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.9)$$

Proof. Denote

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \overline{\omega_n} \\ \vdots \\ \overline{\omega_n^{n-1}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.10)$$

and note that the column of $\overline{F_n}$ are componentwise powers of this vector, i.e. $\overline{F_n}(:, k+1) = f.^k$ where $[f.^k]_j = f_j^k$. By the proof Thm 1.2, $\Lambda = \text{diag}(f)$. Then by Thm 1.2 again

$$\begin{aligned} V^{-1} C(z) V &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k \Lambda^k = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k \text{diag}(f)^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k \text{diag}(f.^k) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \text{diag}(z_k f.^k) \\ &= \text{diag}(\overline{F_n} z) \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

□

1.5 Proposition 1.2

Definition 1.11. Given a tensor $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$, we denote the permutation of the 1st and 3rd dimensions as $\mathcal{X}^P \in \mathbb{R}^{n_3 \times n_2 \times n_1}$. Furthermore,

$$\text{unfold}(\mathcal{X}^P) = P \text{unfold}(\mathcal{X}) \quad (1.12)$$

where $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 n_3 \times n_1 n_3}$ stride permutation matrix.

Remark 1.9. *In fact,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{array}{c} P \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc} \mathcal{X}_{1,1,1} & \mathcal{X}_{1,2,1} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{1,n_2,1} \\ \mathcal{X}_{2,1,1} & \mathcal{X}_{2,2,1} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{2,n_2,1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underbrace{\mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,1} \quad \mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,1} \quad \cdots \quad \mathcal{X}_{n_1,n_2,1}}_{X^1} \\ \mathcal{X}_{1,1,2} & \mathcal{X}_{1,2,2} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{1,n_2,2} \\ \mathcal{X}_{2,1,2} & \mathcal{X}_{2,2,2} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{2,n_2,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underbrace{\mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,2} \quad \mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,2} \quad \cdots \quad \mathcal{X}_{n_1,n_2,2}}_{X^2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{X}_{1,1,n_3} & \mathcal{X}_{1,2,n_3} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{1,n_2,n_3} \\ \mathcal{X}_{2,1,n_3} & \mathcal{X}_{2,2,n_3} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{2,n_2,n_3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underbrace{\mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,n_3} \quad \cdots \quad \cdots \quad \mathcal{X}_{n_1,n_2,n_3}}_{X^{n_3}} \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} \mathcal{X}_{1,1,1} & \mathcal{X}_{1,2,1} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{1,n_2,1} \\ \mathcal{X}_{1,1,2} & \mathcal{X}_{1,2,2} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{1,n_2,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \underbrace{\mathcal{X}_{1,1,n_3} \quad \mathcal{X}_{1,2,n_3} \quad \cdots \quad \mathcal{X}_{1,n_2,n_3}}_{\text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{1,1,:}) \quad \text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{1,2,:}) \quad \text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{1,n_2,:})} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(X^P)^1} \\ \mathcal{X}_{2,1,1} & \mathcal{X}_{2,2,1} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{2,n_2,1} \\ \mathcal{X}_{2,1,2} & \mathcal{X}_{2,2,2} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{2,n_2,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \underbrace{\mathcal{X}_{2,1,n_3} \quad \mathcal{X}_{2,2,n_3} \quad \cdots \quad \mathcal{X}_{2,n_2,n_3}}_{\text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{2,1,:}) \quad \text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{2,2,:}) \quad \text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{2,n_2,:})} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(X^P)^2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,1} & \mathcal{X}_{n_1,2,1} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{n_1,n_2,1} \\ \mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,2} & \mathcal{X}_{n_1,2,2} & \cdots & \mathcal{X}_{n_1,n_2,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \underbrace{\mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,n_3} \quad \mathcal{X}_{n_1,2,n_3} \quad \cdots \quad \mathcal{X}_{n_1,n_2,n_3}}_{\text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{n_1,1,:}) \quad \text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{n_1,2,:}) \quad \text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{n_1,n_2,:})} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(X^P)^{n_1}} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \end{array} \quad (1.13)
 \end{aligned}$$

(1.14)

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P \text{ unfold}(\mathcal{X}) \\
 = & P \begin{bmatrix} X^1 \\ X^2 \\ \vdots \\ X^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{vec}(X_{11}) = \mathcal{X}_{1,1,:} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_3 \times 1} & \text{vec}(X_{12}) & \cdots & \text{vec}(X_{1n_2}) \\ & \text{vec}(X_{21}) & \cdots & \text{vec}(X_{2n_2}) \\ & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & \text{vec}(X_{n_11}) & \cdots & \text{vec}(X_{n_1n_2}) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 n_3 \times n_2} \quad (1.15)
 \end{aligned}$$

To put it simply, unfold(\mathcal{X}) via fixed n_3 firstly, but unfold(\mathcal{X}^P) via fixed n_1 firstly.

Example 1.2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 8 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.16)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_3} \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_2} \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 8 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.17)$$

Proposition 1.7. If $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}$ and $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_2}$, then

$$P(X \otimes Y)P^T = Y \otimes X \quad (1.18)$$

where P is permutation matrix and \otimes is the Kronecker product.

Proof. □

Proof. (Proposition 1.2)

Given $P_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 n_3 \times n_1 n_3}$, $P_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 n_3 \times n_2 n_3}$ are permutation matrices respectively, then

$$P_1 P_1^T = P_1^T P_1 = I_{n_1 n_3} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 n_3 \times n_1 n_3} \text{ and } P_2 P_2^T = P_2^T P_2 = I_{n_2 n_3} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 n_3 \times n_2 n_3} \quad (1.19)$$

Then the left hand of Eq 1.5

$$\begin{aligned}
& (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2}) \\
&= (P_1^T P_1) (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) (P_1^T P_1) \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) (P_2^T P_2) (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2}) (P_2^T P_2) \\
&= P_1^T (P_1 (F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1}) P_1^T) (P_1 \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) P_1^T) (P_2 (F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2}) P_2^T) P_2 \\
&= P_1^T (I_{n_1} \otimes F_{n_3}) (P_1 \text{BlockCirc}(\mathcal{X}) P_1^T) (I_{n_2} \otimes F_{n_3}^*) P_2 \\
&= P_1^T (I_{n_1} \otimes F_{n_3}) \begin{bmatrix} N_{11} & N_{12} & \cdots & N_{1n_2} \\ N_{21} & N_{22} & \cdots & N_{2n_2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ N_{n_1 1} & N_{n_1 2} & \cdots & N_{n_1 n_2} \end{bmatrix} (I_{n_2} \otimes F_{n_3}^*) P_2
\end{aligned} \quad (1.20)$$

where $N_{ij} = \text{circ}(\text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_{i,j,:}))$.

We can rewrite Eq 1.18

$$P_1^T \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & \cdots & D_{1n_2} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} & \cdots & D_{2n_2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_{n_1 1} & D_{n_1 2} & \cdots & D_{n_1 n_2} \end{bmatrix} P_2 \quad (1.21)$$

where $D_{ij} = F_n N_{ij} F_n^* = \text{diag}(\text{vec}(\overline{X})_{i,j,:})$.

Then Eq 1.19 can be written as

$$P_1^T \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & \cdots & D_{1n_2} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} & \cdots & D_{2n_2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_{n_11} & D_{n_12} & \cdots & D_{n_1n_2} \end{bmatrix} P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} (\bar{X})^1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (\bar{X})^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (\bar{X})^{n_3} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.22)$$

□

Remark 1.10.

$$F_{n_3} \otimes I_{n_1} = \begin{bmatrix} (F_{n_3})_{11}I_{n_1} & (F_{n_3})_{12}I_{n_1} & \cdots & (F_{n_3})_{1n_3}I_{n_1} \\ (F_{n_3})_{21}I_{n_1} & (F_{n_3})_{22}I_{n_1} & \cdots & (F_{n_3})_{2n_3}I_{n_1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (F_{n_3})_{n_31}I_{n_1} & (F_{n_3})_{n_32}I_{n_1} & \cdots & (F_{n_3})_{n_3n_3}I_{n_1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1n_3 \times n_1n_3} \quad (1.23)$$

where $(F_{n_3})_{ij}I_{n_1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}$, $\forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n_3$.

$$\text{blockcirc}(\mathcal{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} X^{(1)} & X^{(n_3)} & \cdots & X^{(2)} \\ X^{(2)} & X^{(2)} & \cdots & X^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X^{(n_3)} & X^{(n_3-1)} & \cdots & (1) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1n_3 \times n_2n_3} \quad (1.24)$$

$$F_{n_3} \cdot F_{n_3}^* = I_{n_3} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_3 \times n_3} \quad (1.25)$$

$$F_{n_3}^* \otimes I_{n_2} = \begin{bmatrix} (F_{n_3}^*)_{11}I_{n_2} & (F_{n_3}^*)_{12}I_{n_2} & \cdots & (F_{n_3}^*)_{1n_3}I_{n_2} \\ (F_{n_3}^*)_{21}I_{n_2} & (F_{n_3}^*)_{22}I_{n_2} & \cdots & (F_{n_3}^*)_{2n_3}I_{n_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (F_{n_3}^*)_{n_31}I_{n_2} & (F_{n_3}^*)_{n_32}I_{n_2} & \cdots & (F_{n_3}^*)_{n_3n_3}I_{n_2} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2n_3 \times n_2n_3} \quad (1.26)$$